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TOPIC Staaken Airfield

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1. Forty-eight single-engine aircraft landed at Staaken (N 53/2 65) airfield between noon and 4:30 p.m. on [REDACTED]. The aircraft were two-seater low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and landing gear retracting rearward. Thirteen of the aircraft had the tops of their rudder assemblies painted white. Except for one plane, which was painted a light blue, all the aircraft seen were painted dark green. The fuselages of the planes were marked with white numbers. [REDACTED] the good landings made by the pilots indicated they were well trained. After the planes landed they were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. (1)

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2. From noon to 5:40 p.m. on [REDACTED], it was observed that 37 aircraft of the type described in paragraph 1 were parked in two rows in front of the hangars. The white numbers 6, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 were seen on the fuselages of the planes. Twenty-one of the aircraft had the tops of their rudder assemblies painted with white stripes. It is believed that all the aircraft were marked in the same way. A total of six twin-engine transports seen were fitted with radial engines and a fixed tail wheel. These transports were seen landing at the field during the period of observation, in addition to a biplane. (2) The twin-engine planes taxied to the eastern edge of the field. Motor vehicles passing through the entrance gate of the field included trucks [REDACTED]

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coming from the direction of Falkensee (N 53/2 65), was going to the field. (3) A general was observed in the car wearing an overcoat with red lapels and a cap with gold cord and blue ribbon around it.

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3. About 6:30 p.m. on [REDACTED] the single-engine ground attack planes described above began flying. Four to six of these planes made local flights. The rotating searchlight west of the field was in operation during the flying. Flights were discontinued at about 9 p.m.

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4. On [REDACTED] tank trucks [REDACTED] were filled from three large railroad fuel tank cars at the

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25X1B Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. The tank trucks then proceeded to the Staaken airfield. The hauling continued throughout the day. Ambulance [REDACTED] was seen with the tank trucks. (4)

25X1A 5. At 12:10 p.m. on [REDACTED] a total of 16 single engine aircraft took off from the field at intervals of about 10 seconds. After about 15 minutes these planes returned in three formations flying over the airfield toward the northwest. They returned after about an hour and landed individually. The planes took off toward the west and, in spite of the westerly wind, landed from west to east. After the formation had taken off nine ground attack aircraft made local flights. All the aircraft observed flying had the tops of their rudder assemblies painted white. Flying had not yet been discontinued at 10:50 p.m. The rotating searchlight located west of the field was in operation during the flying. The aircraft used landing lights, one on each wing.

25X1A 6. Between [REDACTED] radio installations west of the field were shifted. A cabin, one meter high, was located in the middle of each of the groups of four masts. (5)

25X1A 7. From 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. a total of about 25 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes approaching from the south landed at the Staaken airfield. The aircraft were fitted with in-line engines, the wings had no dihedral in their center section and little dihedral in their outer section. A weapon projected from the rear of the cabin. One rod projected from the left wing and two from the right wing. The planes were painted grey-green. There was also flying with twin-engine transports fitted with radial engines, retractable landing gear, and a fixed tail wheel. (1)

25X1A 8. At 6 p.m. on [REDACTED] the searchlight set up west of the field began to rotate clockwise. After 10 rotations there was a pause of five minutes. During this interval a weaker searchlight located south of the first one began to rotate counter clockwise. Its light was shut off after a series of four or five revolutions. Subsequently the noise of an aircraft engine, probably produced by a single-engine plane, was heard over the airfield until 7:15 p.m. The sky was 10/10 overcast.

25X1A 9. On [REDACTED] an estimated 40 single-engine low-wing monoplanes of the type observed on [REDACTED] 30 of which could be counted, were parked at the southern edge of the field. The fuselages of the aircraft counted had consecutive, white numbers from 1 to 30. All the planes were painted grey-green, and the upper edges of their rudder assemblies were white. They had white propeller hubs. From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. these planes did not fly. Weather was 10/10 overcast and there was very poor visibility. However, two-seater high-wing monoplanes and biplanes were continually taking off for local flights. The two crew members of both types were seated in the direction of flight. The high-wing monoplanes were fitted with radial engines and fixed landing gears. The upper sections of their rudder assemblies were painted with five horizontal stripes, their sequence being white-blue-white-blue-white. The biplanes had no special markings.

25X1A 10. Soldiers in black over-alls worked on almost all single-engine, low-wing monoplanes until noon on [REDACTED]. Two trucks [REDACTED] were observed on the road to the field. 25X1B

25X1A [REDACTED] Comments.

25X1A (1) The arrival of an air unit on [REDACTED] was confirmed [REDACTED]. The unit is believed to be a ground attack regiment which had previously been stationed in Jüterbog-Altes Lager. This assumption is supported by shipments observed, motor vehicles reported, and the fact that the aircraft had the upper edges of their rudder assemblies painted white. 25X1X 25X1A

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- (2) The ground attack regiment was apparently equipped with 48 IL-10s. In addition to the ground attack regiment, an air transport unit equipped with IL-2 aircraft is believed to be stationed there. From the number of IL-2 aircraft observed in Staaken it appears that this transport unit is of squadron strength.
- (3) The motor vehicle [REDACTED] mentioned belong to units previously stationed there and to vehicles stationed at the Doeberitz field.
- (4) These tank trucks were observed in Reinsdorf in the summer of 1950. This indicates that the ground attack regiment which was transferred from Jueterbog to Staaken was stationed in Reinsdorf during the time the construction was going on at the Jueterbog airfield.
- (5) For new locations of the radio installations, see Annex.

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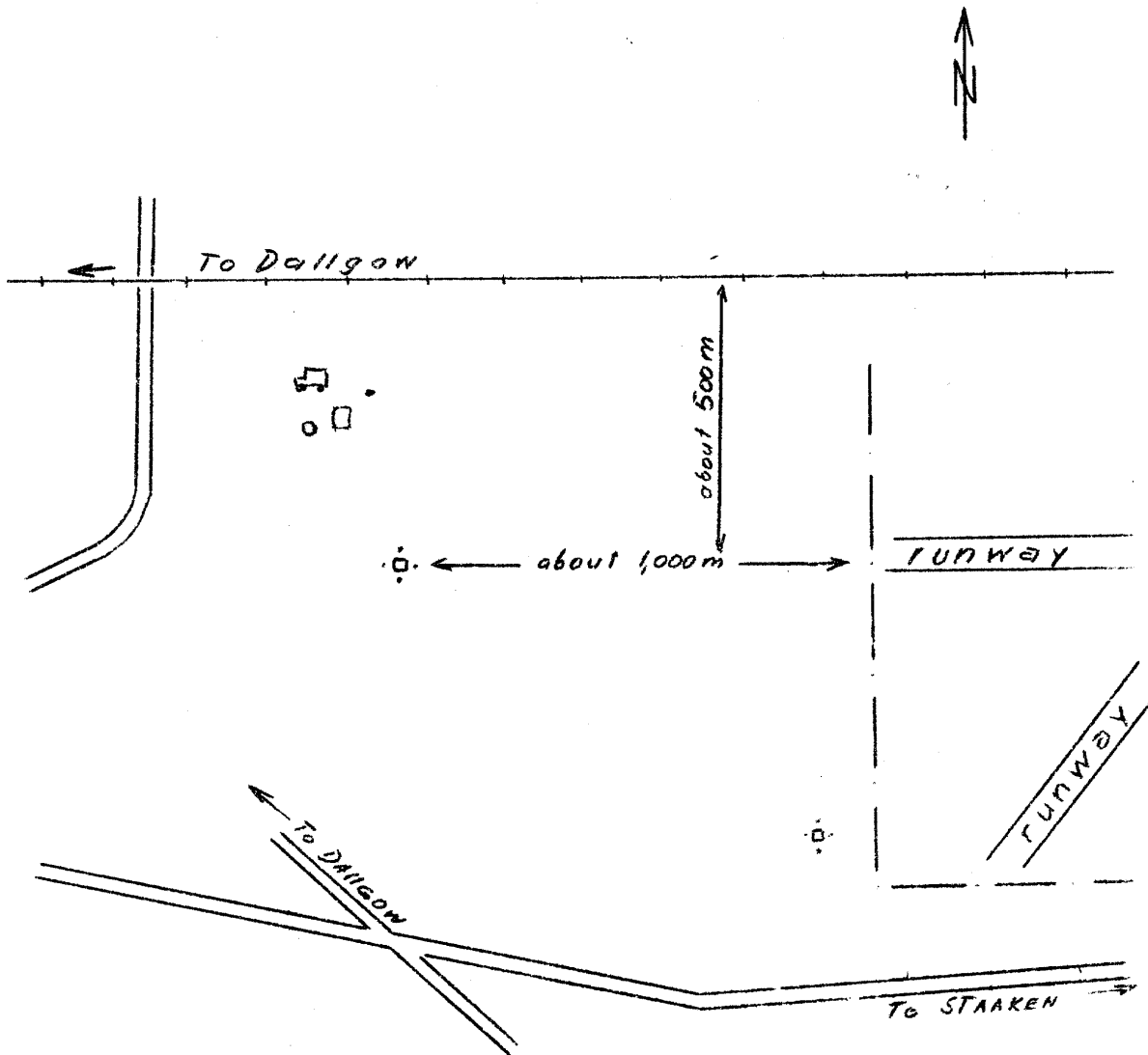
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Location of Radio Installations at Staaken Airfield



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